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Applicant: Tojo et al.
Serial Number: 08/627,270
Filed: 04 April 1996
Group Art Unit: 3726
Examiner: P. Echols
Title: Method And Machine For Forming Protective Film
On Sprayed Coating Of Large-Sized Product

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.26, applicant respectfully requests a refund of \$310.00 in connection with the referenced application, based on the following.

The Monthly Statement Of Deposit Account dated 3-30-01 for Account No. 500744, in the name of applicant's undersigned representative, indicates a charge posted on 09 March 2001 for the referenced application. The charge, in the amount of \$310.00, referenced Fee Code 120, which corresponds to "Filing A Brief In Support Of An Appeal".

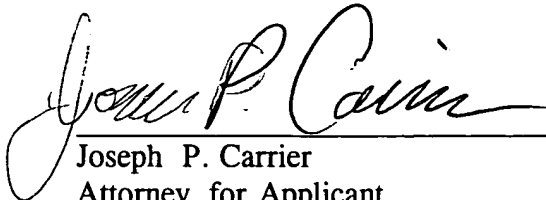
Applicant first filed a Notice Of Appeal on 28 September 1998, followed by a Brief On Appeal on 30 November 1998 with a check in payment of the fee. The examiner issued a new, non-final office action in the application on 07 June 1999, withdrawing the application from the appeal process before the Board Of Appeals considered the case.

Applicant believes, therefore, that the originally-paid fee for "Filing A Brief In Support Of An Appeal" should apply to the Appeal Brief newly filed on 22 February 2001, and applicant has requested that the earlier filed fee be applied to the filing of the current Brief. A statement to this effect was included at page 15 of the Appeal Brief filed on 22 February 2001.

Applicant, therefore, requests that the Patent Office refund the erroneous \$310.00

charge to Deposit Account 50-0744. Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested. A duplicate copy of this Request For Refund is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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